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## Germany

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### Germany Reports a Hog Cholera Outbreak

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**Report Highlights:**

Germany reports a case of hog cholera on two farms close to Recklinghausen in the West of Germany.

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Hog cholera (classical swine fever) was confirmed today, March 3, 2006, on two hog farms in the county of Recklinghausen in North Rhine-Westphalia in the west of Germany.

The following protection measures were taken immediately:

- The whole stock of the affected farms (350 and 200 pigs), as well as all pigs in two neighboring farms (totaling 890 pigs) were destroyed.
- A 3 km protection zone around the farms of outbreak was put under quarantine (affecting 33 farms with 13,000 pigs).
- A 10 km surveillance zone was put under observation with restrictions on the movement of pigs and pork meat (affecting 250 farms with a total of about 80,000 pigs).
- The incidence was reported to the EU animal disease alert system.

Hog cholera/classical swine fever is a viral disease with an incubation period of 1 to 3 weeks. The disease does not affect humans, but is very contagious among swine.

At the earliest, random clinical serological tests of animals in the protection and surveillance zone may be carried out 30 days after culling and disinfection of the farm of outbreak. Measures will be lifted once tests show that there are no more positive results.

The December 2005 animal census reported 26.86 million hogs in German farms. In 2005, Germany slaughtered 47.8 million hogs and produced 4.46 million MT<sup>12</sup> of pork. Imports amounted to 5.7 million hogs and 863,000 MT<sup>3</sup> pork, while 1.1 million hogs and 770,000 MT of pork was exported. The majority of the trade is done with neighboring EU countries.

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<sup>1</sup> MT = metric ton

<sup>2</sup> Carcass weight

<sup>3</sup> Product weight